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## **Governor Baker Names Supreme Judicial Court Nominating Commission**

*Panel will recruit qualified, diverse pool of applicants for historic number of SJC vacancies*

**BOSTON** – Governor Charlie Baker today named a statewide 12-member Supreme Judicial Court Nominating Commission (SJC-NC) to recruit and screen applicants to fill an unprecedented number of upcoming vacancies on the Commonwealth’s highest court. Established by Executive Order 566, the commission will include the Governor’s Chief Legal Counsel, the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Governor’s Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC), a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the President of the Boston Bar Association and the immediate Past President of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

“We look forward to ensuring the Supreme Judicial Court will continue to fulfill its mission through the consideration of a diverse and broad set of candidates from across Massachusetts who bring outstanding intellectual and legal skills, strong work ethic and a measured temperament and sense of justice to the Commonwealth’s highest court,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “On behalf of the Commonwealth, Lt. Governor and I thank the departing justices for their service, and wish them our very best in their retirement.”

“Justices Cordy, Spina and Duffly have served the Commonwealth, our citizens and the judicial system at the highest levels of the legal profession throughout their tenures, and we wish them well,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “We are committed to finding outstanding candidates to fill these vacancies from across the Commonwealth.”

The SJC-NC seeks applicants who possess the temperament, ability and integrity to freely, impartially and independently interpret the laws and administer justice, and to work collaboratively with their colleagues in crafting opinions and administering the judicial branch of government. It also hopes to recruit applicants who represent not only the geographically diverse parts of the Commonwealth, but also the diversity of our citizens. The application period will be open until March 18<sup>th</sup> and [applications are available on the JNC's website](#). The pool of applicants generated by this application process will be used to fill the seats of three justices who recently announced their retirements as well as any vacancies that may occur in early 2017.

The 21-member [Judicial Nominating Commission \(JNC\)](#), established in February 2016, will continue to screen candidates for the Massachusetts Appeals Courts and trial courts. The current list of openings in those courts for which applications are now being accepted can be found [here](#).

### **Supreme Judicial Court Nominating Commission**

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